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EDITORIALS.

Mr. Sylvester Robins, of North Branch, N. J., one of our valued contributors, died suddenly and very unexpectedly, on Wednesday evening, April 25.

Mr. T. M. Putnam, Instructor in Mathematics in the University of Texas, has applied for a leave of absence to accept a Fellowship in the University of Chicago.

Dr. L. E. Dickson has resigned his position as Associate Professor of Mathematics in the University of Texas, to accept a call to the University of Chicago.

The B. F. Johnson Publishing Company, Richmond, Va., have in press a new two-book series of Arithmetics, by J. M. Colaw, Associate Editor of the MONTHLY, and J. K. Ellwood, Principal of the Colfax School, Pittsburg.

Thomas Craig, Ph. D., Professor of Pure Mathematics at Johns Hopkins University, a distinguished and widely-known mathematician, died in Baltimore, on May 8. Death was due to heart trouble. His wife and two daughters survive him. Professor Craig was born in Pittston, Pa., in the year 1855, and was in the very prime of life. He graduated from Lafayette College as a civil engineer in 1875, and took the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Johns Hopkins in 1878. From his connection with the University, Professor Craig began his work in mathematics, which he continued to the time of his death, having borne a most important part in the work of the mathematical department. For many years he was editor of *The American Journal of Mathematics*. His more important works include "A Treatise on Linear Differential Equations," "A Treatise on Projections," and "Motions of Fluids." At the time of his death he was engaged on a new work entitled "Advanced Theory of Surfaces." Professor Craig was a frequent contributor to the different mathematical journals.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

Rational Elementary Arithmetic. By H. H. Belfield, A. M., Ph. D., Director of the Chicago Manual Training School, and Sarah C. Brooks, Supervisor of Primary Grades, St. Paul, Minn. 268 pages. Price, 45 cents. Chicago: Scott, Foresman and Company. 1899.

This book contains an abundance of concrete work and graphic illustration. It is rich in suggestion and in thought-arousing matter. The book in the hands of an intelligent and skillful teacher should produce excellent results, but we should hesitate before placing it in the hands of an untrained or "unsupervised" teacher. J. M. C.

Bailey-Wiemer Series—First and Second Books in Arithmetic. By F. M. Wiemer, Principal of First District School, Milwaukee, Wis., assisted by M. A.